

AGENDA



Thursday, August 7, 2008

Economic Growth & Redevelopment Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 14

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an artwork commission agreement with ROGER COLOMBIK & JEROLYN BAHM-COLOMBIK, PO Box 2308; Wimberley, TX 78676-2308 for a sculpture with water fountain and seating for the Second Street District Streetscape Improvement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the 2007-2008 Amended Capital Budget of the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Megan Crigger, EGRSO, 974-9312; Vincent Kitch, EGRSO, 974-9310

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Art in Public Places Panel; and the Austin Arts Commission.

This art work commission, one of a series of Springs Public Art Projects, is a project of the Second Street District Streetscape Improvement Project (SSD-SIP) Public Art Master Plan. The theme of the Springs Public Art Project focuses on the unique hydrology and geology of the Edwards Aquifer, celebrating one of Austin's greatest resources, our natural springs and water resources. The project, entitled La Fuente de Calle Segunda, consists of a bronze and aluminum sculpture and will include a water fountain and seating area. It will be located on the southwest corner of Block 22 at the intersection of 2nd Street and San Antonio Street.

The Springs Public Art Project was open to artists statewide. Texas artists in the AIPP Image Registry and mailing list were notified via postcard and e-mail to submit qualifications by August 20, 2004. Artists were also notified of the project through local media and the AIPP web site. The Selection Panel and Advisors reviewed the qualifications of 12 artists/artist teams. The Selection Panel and Advisors selected 4 finalists whom they interviewed on September 11, 2004. The Selection Panel unanimously recommended the artist team of Roger Colombik and Jerolyn Baum-Colombik. On July 7, 2008, the Art in Public Places Panel approved the design. The Austin Arts Commission approved the final design for the Second Street District Streetscape Improvement Project on Monday, July 21, 2008.